

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI February 25, 2020

INTRODUCTORY

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Branson, Missouri, met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on February 25, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Akers called the meeting to order with the "Pledge of Allegiance" and Jamie Rouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Lisa Westfall called roll: Mayor Edd Akers presiding, Kevin McConnell, Brian Clonts, Bob Simmons, Bill Skains, Larry Milton and Rick Castillon.

AWARDS / RECOGNITIONS

Employee of the Month

Alderman Clonts presented Rick Bright of the Police Department as the February Employee of the Month in recognition for displaying City of Branson Values.

Mayor Akers read a statement regarding speaker decorum and stated in order to give everyone a chance to speak tonight I would like to ask that if you're speaking on an item, that you keep your comments succinct, to the topic and as short as possible. You will be allowed to only speak once on an item and please do not repeat what has already been said by another speaker. Once public discussion has ended on an item, the Board starts their discussion, no additional comments will be taken from the audience. Please remember to speak into the mic, state your name and address for the record and please seek to stay within the five minute guideline we have. As a special thing for the Aldermen, if after the speakers are there if the Aldermen would like to call someone back for clarification, we've allowed for that to happen.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Clark, 121 A St. Andrews Street, Branson, Missouri, mentioned addressing the Board last year regarding 5G technology and he has additional information for the Board's consideration. Since then, several municipalities have changed their attitudes about installing this equipment for a variety of scientific reasons he feels should be considered here. He added, there's enough information from the 1930s forward in which people have analyzed electromagnetic frequencies 60 gigahertz and beyond, which is what 5G operates on. He explained this particular frequency has been found to have detrimental effects on different areas of the human body; one being oxygen absorption in the lungs. Mr. Clark explained there's an oscillating effect on oxygen molecules which doesn't allow for proper absorption into the blood. This can give people respiratory problems depending on how it affects an individual's metabolism. Another aspect is with bandwidth as the magnetic field disrupts this process and has detrimental effects on the way the blood brain barrier opens up and absorbs things people don't want in their brains. He estimated only 300 to 400 people in the United States have looked into the details, rather than taking the industries' position on saying it's safe. He doesn't think it's been done or if it has, it's not publicized because the companies

pushing this technology are saying it's safe and there's nothing to worry about. Mr. Clark reported there's enough information about 4G and the different types of radiation affecting some types of body metabolism. He said the second thing he'd like to talk about is the Coronavirus and feels coincidentally, the first city in China where the recent outbreak took place is the first city operating on 5G. He reported some scientific people believe this has a bearing on what's going on and the types of respiratory failures people are having. Mr. Clark stated these people were exposed to germ warfare; a genetically manipulated virus the Chinese stole from several labs in the United States. He explained the University of North Carolina was experimenting on a horseshoe bat virus and the Chinese targeted universities to get whatever technical abilities they didn't have to be able to do gene splicing and a germ warfare program. It was found out they were stealing technology and taking it back to this lab in China, so what we have is this thing that's exploded out of that lab. He commented the guy who wrote the 1989 international treaty for trying to control this kind of nonsense is the one doing the majority of the analysis on how this happened. He added, it turned out the National Institute of Health is funding this university and two people at Harvard have been caught selling information to the Chinese. He explained there's Chinese in Australia gleaning information about how to gene splice a SARS virus with an HIV virus and they took all of this back to Hunan and this is what escaped out of their lab. He commented they're not sure if 5G has any bearing on it, but it has similar respiratory failure and he inquired if this has come up in Branson's health community. He doesn't believe the testing being done on this virus is accurate and mentioned people brought off a cruise ship were kept two weeks; some allowed in the internal part of the country. It doesn't make sense to him how it's being attacked and he'd like to know what type of exposure is here. He feels this is something the City needs to look into.

Pat Plummer, 963 Brunswick Road, Ridgedale, Missouri, said she has been to Mardi Gras and didn't see anything out of hand and asked why Branson can't have a Mardi Gras. She asked the Board if it also controls Rockaway Beach, Missouri. She mentioned people say Mardi Gras is not family-friendly, but she feels there needs to be something to liven up Branson because it is becoming a carnival town. She said other people have agreed with her in that they would like to see a Mardi Gras in Branson. She said the car show on Shepherd of the Hills has been taken away, and there have been other parades in town without any trouble. She recently returned from Mardi Gras in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and reported she didn't see anyone drinking on the streets or hear anyone cussing. She asked the Board to consider it. Discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Akers stated it's my responsibility as Mayor under state law to take care of the ordinances of our City and the state laws relating to our City that are complied with. Under one of our ordinances, Branson Municipal Code 2-64, I am tasked with the responsibility of being the Presiding Officer of the Board and am required to preserve strict order and decorum at all meetings of the Board. The citizens of Branson elected us to make decisions on policy matters and we make those decisions by voting. We are obligated to vote unless a conflict of interest prevents us from doing so. The common law of the State of Missouri supports this. Although I cannot force any member of the Board to cast a vote, and no member can be required to cast a vote, I do have the ability to control the order and decorum of these meetings. As a result, I'm announcing under my authority to preserve order and decorum of these meetings, that any abstention by any member of the Board during the meeting can be recast as a no vote.

Mayor Akers asked if there were any citizens who had any items they wished to have removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Hearing none, Planning and Development Director Joel Hornickel requested Item Number 4 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed as the first item on the Regular agenda per the applicant's request. Mayor Akers asked if any member of the Board had any items they wished to have removed from the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked City Clerk Lisa Westfall to read the items on the Consent Agenda as amended. City Clerk Lisa Westfall read the following Consent Agenda items by title.

Approval of Board of Aldermen Minutes:

- a) February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting

Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes:

- a) Human Resources Committee meeting of January 15, 2020

BILL NO. 5781

Ord. No. 2020-0026

Approving the Annexation of the property located at 150 Gunner Hill Lane, Branson, Missouri.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5781, an ordinance approving the annexation of the property located at 150 Gunner Hill Lane, Branson, Missouri, was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Milton, Skains and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0026 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 5783

Ord. No. 2020-0029

Approving an Agreement with Missouri American Water Company for Water Termination Services.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5783, an ordinance approving an Agreement with Missouri American Water Company for Water Termination Services and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Milton, Skains and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0029 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 5784

Ord. No. 2020-0030

Approving an Agreement with Missouri American Water Company for the purchase of Water Usage Data.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5784, an ordinance approving an Agreement with Missouri American Water Company for the purchase of Water Usage Data and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Milton, Skains and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0030 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 5785

Ord. No. 2020-0031

Accepting the proposal of MTS Contracting Inc. for sandblasting and painting of the Branson Lakeside RV Park shower house and restroom for the City of Branson.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5785, an ordinance accepting the proposal of MTS Contracting Inc. for sandblasting and painting of the Branson Lakeside RV Park shower house and restroom for the City of Branson and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Milton, Skains and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0031 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 5786

Ord. No. 2020-0032

Amending the adopted 2020 Budget for the City of Branson, to adjust monies for the General Fund.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5786, an ordinance amending the adopted 2020 Budget for the City of Branson, to adjust monies for the General Fund was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Milton, Skains and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0032 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 5787

Ord. No. 2020-0033

Approving the Facility Use Agreement with Ballparks of America, LLC.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5787, an ordinance approving the Facility Use Agreement with Ballparks of America, LLC and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Milton, Skains and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0033 was duly enacted.

Mayor Akers opened the floor for a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as amended. Alderman Clonts moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Alderman Simmons. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

BILL NO. 5782

POSTPONED

Approving the Annexation of the property located at 3855 Fall Creek Road, Branson, Missouri.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5782, an ordinance approving the annexation of the property located at 3855 Fall Creek Road, Branson, Missouri, was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was provided by Planning and Development Director Joel Hornickel. Alderman Castillon moved to postpone Bill No. 5782 to March 24, 2020, seconded by Alderman Skains. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter.

Greg Epperson, 125 Country Bluff Blvd., shared his belief the applicant wants to postpone this item because he's stripped the land completely of the trees and is not quite done yet and probably wants to take the rest of the trees down. Mr. Epperson doesn't think the City would allow this to happen and he shared his concerns about what's going on with the property. He can see the property from his house which looks like a tornado took everything out. He mentioned buying his house 14 months ago and had he known about this he never would have bought the house. He understands the need for subsidized living, but it's beyond him why the developer didn't plan to leave some trees so it would look nice. He informed the Board everyone in the subdivision is not happy about that.

Doug Clark, 121 A St. Andrews, Branson, Missouri, asked if it's still a requirement for people to replace any trees they remove over 4". Discussion.

Susie Southerland commented she also lives in Country Bluff Estates and requested a way the property owner could work with the neighborhood being most impacted by this. She explained all they're asking for is some kind of understanding as to what's really being planned, how it continues to impact them and for communication with the owners to understand what's happening because it's been devastating to everybody there. She's lived there for 24 years and backs right up to where the trees are being stripped and mentioned people have literally cried over some of the things they've seen. She reported it's 99% taken down, so she almost didn't come to the meeting this evening because she felt like it would be for nothing. Ms. Southerland said they want to be good neighbors and her request is that they work with the developer to come up with something suitable for the community they butt up against. She requested communication so the subdivision can work with them and come up with some sort of barriers or some understanding of what's going to happen as it's the unknown that causes the most concern. She asked for consideration moving forward and she expressed wanting to be respectful of the owners and understands they have a

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job they want to accomplish. She expressed concerns over postponing the item because there won't be anything to save. She added, there's not much to save now and she understands the process and that it's not in the Board's jurisdiction. Ms. Southerland said there's a reason the City charges so much for every tree that comes down and explained if she takes a tree down she's charged. She commented she doesn't care so much about the trees coming down as much as she's concerned about her community. She expressed her subdivision's desire to be good neighbors and for its neighbors to be good neighbors as well. She asked if the Board is telling her there really was no reason for her to come to the meeting this evening and said the Board is voting on whether or not to extend the time, and once the time is extended it gives them the opportunity to take down whatever trees are left, some of which are right behind her house. Ms. Southerland explained it's only 25 feet between the back of her deck and the trees being stripped and she can't wait another week because all of her trees will be gone which is why she's here. She inquired if there's a way the Board could work with the developers to help its citizens. She understands this community is different in that it's not contiguous and expressed her concerns for developers doing what they've done, with no input from the neighbors. She commented she can't put the trees back up, but she'd like to try to save what little is left. She asked if the Board could speak with the developer to have them get in touch with her to try and work on a plan together. She commented her plan is not to be adversarial as that's not at all what they're trying to achieve, but wants a collaborative type of relationship. She added, that's what she's trying to appeal to the Aldermen to work with its citizens that are being impacted by this area. If the developer is open, she would love for them to give her a call and she'll put together a team of well-intentioned neighbors. She asked if it's appropriate for her to speak to the developer which she's happy to do. She shared her concerns for all the trees being taken away if the Board allows the vote to be put off without a commitment from the developer to meet with the neighborhood.

Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Mayor Akers called for a vote on the postponement. Voting aye: McConnell, Milton, Skains and Castillon. Nays: Clonts and Simmons. Motion carried.

Dan Ruda, 245 S. Wildwood Drive, Branson, Missouri, said he appreciates Ms. Southerland's comments and explained he bought the property 15 to 20 years ago and paid a lot of money for it which he understands is a risk. He recalled during this time everyone within a certain amount of feet from the property who was living there at the time received a notice when it went to planning and zoning at the County. It was a rigorous process in which he received approval for a large number of living units including timeshares, nightly rentals and second homes. Mr. Ruda remembered in the early 2000s when he was developing the Majestic by the Chateau which was a big dollar project, going through a similar process of having it zoned. He recalled going through a very rigorous process of trying to annex because the City said it wanted to. He added, there was a quality of construction and sewer effluent of having a plant at Majestic so close to the dam which flows into Taneycomo where the water intake is. Mr. Ruda mentioned timing was a big deal and he went through that process which is a very similar situation to this and the City ended up deciding not to accept that annexation. He was floored because the City asked for the annexation, so he immediately petitioned the State and City about the need to put in a plant. All of this took a lot of time and was the period of time between 2005 and 2006. The project then got stalled for two and a half years which delayed the project, and everyone knows what happened in 2008 which was a very expensive project. He added, that's the risk you take when you're a developer and he gets it. Mr. Ruda stated there are unintended consequences of every action, so we need to be cognizant of that too. Several months ago he attended an ad hoc meeting in which he and Mark Ruda agreed to certain barriers in the back of Country Bluff lots which they plan on adhering to. He explained Country Bluff is separate from his property and there's been a fully forested piece of property there for 15 to 20 years. Mr. Ruda commented there's been several flooding incidents that must not be from us and there's certain opportunities the City has and he has because of the MHDC Project to possibly help with some of that storm water. He thinks the City is interested in being cooperative and he doesn't have any reason to believe that it's not. He's working aggressively in conjunction with City Staff to help solve that, but feels what everyone doesn't appreciate are those little 30 foot buffers being discussed. Mr. Ruda explained he purchased and paid for 55 acres and unfortunately, there's 15-17 acres down the bluff in the flood zone of Lake Taneycomo. When he bought the property, the environment was different and he had hoped to possibly develop access and put in some type of non-structural, recreational access in that flood zone. He roughly estimated the piece of land he's utilizing is a half an acre, not to mention the 15 acres he's giving up down the side of the bluff and in the lake. If he's able to work

with the City on doing something with storm water, he'll probably have to give up some more land because it's storm water and he can't build where water will be backed up. He explained he and Mark Ruda have done this many times and understands they've changed the landscape of that piece of property immensely. He added, but with any extensive commercial or multifamily development people can try to save trees, but when bulldozers are put in along with underground utilities, roads and structures, 90% of the trees cannot make it because their root systems are disrupted. He commented it's really quite a futile process and is better to come back and revegetate once finished and he doesn't think City Staff would disagree with that. He expressed the desire to continue and said he doesn't want to put in a plant because he doesn't think that's good for the City or Lake Taneycomo. He mentioned visiting with Mr. Southerland within the last two weeks and has also taken several phone calls from owners. He expressed his desire to be a good neighbor and build something good. Mr. Ruda explained the process of applying for MHDC credits is not easy; he's been working on it for a year, has \$100,000 of costs in it in addition to the emotional process and another year of risk and building. It's not an easy process and he does want to be a good neighbor, but everyone needs to look around and decide what they want to do. He said he's sorry the piece of land is adjacent to those folks, but development land is adjacent to somebody no matter where it is. While he and Mark Ruda have a responsibility to be sensitive, it doesn't make sense to lose money on the big investment they've already made; it doesn't serve any greater good for the project not to be successful. He feels in today's environment, this isn't going to be the most financially successful project he's ever done because it's proven by the fact new subdivisions aren't being put in this town as they do not make economic sense. He reported this year he's building single family homes within 15 minutes of Branson, each one will be built on a lot that was put in before 2008 which he bought at pennies on the dollar of what the developer or bank put in that lot. He explained he's done this many times before and tries to be sensitive, but feels no matter what he says it's not a perfect answer. He wants to try to work with the community and feels everyone has a responsibility to be fair to each other. He commented the MHDC process is very systematic and scheduled, and part of the reason he and Mark Ruda did what they did is because the County doesn't have the same tree ordinance the City has and the property was in the County when they bought it. He recalls having heated discussions involving people from Country Bluff Estates and feels they're not coming in unscathed without receiving public opinion. He said they understand the math and know what they could have done once they got the MHDC and that they could have taken the trees down. He explained it takes six weeks to get annexed, so they could have started in April or May and still had plenty of time, but that wasn't their intent. Their intent wasn't to shirk being under public scrutiny, but was to do it in a systematic and professional manner to keep the project going. He explained the County has a different zoning process than the City because two years ago the City went through a zoning restructure. Now there's multiple tiers of what can be done in the different levels of zoning which is totally contrary to what the County has; the County allows them to subdivide into six lots that they can designate. He reiterated his intention isn't to postpone this item in order to get all of the trees down, but it's to do the best planning to get to a position to work with the City to make it less frustrating on how each of the different lots are zoned. He explained this is a 35 plus acre piece of property which started out as 55 acres and is down to development. Mr. Ruda shared his plan that 35 to 38 acres will be separate tracts because the same thing will not be developed on every tract. He explained the absorption rate in Branson would not handle that and he clarified he's not making any commitment, but is planning to put some single family homes there. In addition, he's going to put in some market rate housing, patio homes, apartments and upscale second home vacation homes there in order to hit absorption rates. He commented, this comes back to the multiple uses and trying to work with the City so it's zoned properly and is the intent for putting it off. He feels the community needs to decide what it wants to do with the housing problem on the Strip as people want to have a place to live and he can't image anyone who would say they like living on the street. He feels everyone needs to work together and there needs to be some give and take. Mr. Ruda explained people will not take risk if there's not a chance of financial reward and if people are going to take risk, he feels people need to work with them too. Discussion.

**RESOLUTION
DEFEATED**

Approving the Annual Operating & Capital Budgets of the Branson Convention Center from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

A Resolution approving the Annual Operating & Capital Budgets of the Branson Convention Center from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. She stated this Bill was postponed during the February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting. It is in need of a motion, second and vote. A staff report was provided by Finance Director Jamie Rouch, Regional Vice President of ASM Global Craig Liston, Brian Johnson and Marc Mulherin of the Branson Convention Center.

Mayor Akers left the meeting at 7:07 p.m. and returned at 7:08 p.m.

Alderman Castillon left the meeting at 7:24 p.m. and returned at 7:25 p.m.

Alderman Skains left the meeting at 7:24 p.m. and returned at 7:26 p.m.

Mayor Akers asked for a motion adopting the resolution. Alderman Skains so moved, seconded by Alderman McConnell. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: Simmons and Skains. Nays: McConnell, Clonts, Milton and Castillon. Motion failed.

The meeting recessed at 8:04 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

**BILL NO. 5778
POSTPONED**

Amending Chapter 58 of the Branson Municipal Code pertaining to persons under 21 years of age prohibited from the purchase of tobacco products and prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to persons under 21 years of age.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5778, an ordinance amending Chapter 58 of the Branson Municipal Code pertaining to persons under 21 years of age prohibited from the purchase of tobacco products and prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to persons under 21 years of age was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. She stated this Bill was postponed on its Final Reading during the February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting. It has had a motion and second for approval and is in need of a vote. A staff report was presented by City Attorney Chris Lebeck. Discussion. Alderman Milton moved to postpone Bill No. 5778 to March 10, 2020, seconded by Alderman McConnell. Mayor Akers called for a vote on the postponement. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 5780
DEFEATED**

Approving the contract with Clifton Larson Allen LLP pertaining to Auditing Services.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5780, an ordinance approving the contract with Clifton Larson Allen LLP pertaining to auditing services and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. She stated this Bill was postponed on its Final Reading during the February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting. It has had a motion and second for approval and is in need of a vote. A staff report was provided by Finance Director Jamie Rouch and Assistant City Administrator John Manning. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: Clonts and Simmons. Nays: Skains, Milton and Castillon. Abstain: McConnell. Mayor Akers stated I'm declaring under my authority to preserve the order and decorum of these meetings and to uphold the ordinances of the City that the abstention cast by Kevin McConnell is to be recast as a no vote in the record on this matter. City Clerk Lisa Westfall announced there are 2 aye votes and 4 nay votes for the Final Reading of Bill No. 5780. Motion failed.

**RESOLUTION NO.
2020-R004**

**Resolution approving a Special Event Permit Application for the 2020
Lights of Joy Christmas Drive-Thru.**

A Resolution approving a Special Event Permit Application for the 2020 Lights of Joy Christmas Drive-Thru was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was provided by Planning and Development Director Joel Hornickel. Mayor Akers asked for a motion adopting the resolution. Alderman McConnell so moved, seconded by Alderman Skains. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Milton, Skains and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2020-R004 was adopted.

BILL NO. 5788

**Amending Chapters 1, 18 and 58 of the Branson Municipal Code
pertaining to the Realignment of Code Enforcement within the City and
Dangerous Buildings.**

First Reading of Bill No. 5788, an ordinance amending Chapters 1, 18 and 58 of the Branson Municipal Code pertaining to the Realignment of Code Enforcement within the City and Dangerous Buildings was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was presented by Planning and Development Director Joel Hornickel. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5788. Alderman McConnell so moved, seconded by Alderman Milton. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Milton, Skains and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5789

**Amending the adopted 2019 Budget for the City of Branson, to adjust
monies for Various Funds.**

First Reading of Bill No. 5789, an ordinance amending the adopted 2019 Budget for the City of Branson, to adjust monies for Various Funds was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was presented by Finance Director Jamie Rouch. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5789. Alderman Skains so moved, seconded by Alderman Simmons. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Milton, Skains and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5790

**Amending the adopted 2019 Budget for the City of Branson, to adjust
monies for the Mandatory Redemption and Waterfall in the Debt Service
Funds.**

First Reading of Bill No. 5790, an ordinance amending the adopted 2019 Budget for the City of Branson, to adjust monies for the Mandatory Redemption and Waterfall in the Debt Service Funds was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was presented by Finance Director Jamie Rouch. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5790. Alderman Skains so moved, seconded by Alderman Milton. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Milton, Skains and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5791**Approving payment of Incentive Fees to SMG, Branson Convention Center's Management, in accordance with their contract for FY2018.**

First Reading of Bill No. 5791, an ordinance approving payment of Incentive Fees to SMG, Branson Convention Center's Management, in accordance with their contract for FY2018 was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was presented by Finance Director Jamie Rouch. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5791. Alderman Skains so moved, seconded by Alderman Simmons. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Milton, Skains and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5792**Ord. No. 2020-0028****Approving an amendment to the contract with Architect Design Group pertaining to Professional Consulting Services for a New Fire Station and Police Headquarters.**

First Reading of Bill No. 5792, an ordinance approving an amendment to the contract with Architect Design Group pertaining to Professional Consulting Services for a New Fire Station and Police Headquarters and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was presented by Public Works Director and City Engineer Keith Francis. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5792. Alderman Milton so moved, seconded by Alderman Skains. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried. Alderman Milton moved to read Bill No. 5792 for its Final Reading, seconded by Alderman Castillon. Mayor Akers asked for anyone wishing to speak regarding this matter. Discussion. Voting aye: McConnell, Skains, Milton and Castillon. Nays: Clonts and Simmons. Motion carried. Final Reading of Bill No. 5792, an ordinance approving an amendment to the contract with Architect Design Group pertaining to Professional Consulting Services for a New Fire Station and Police Headquarters and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5792. Alderman Skains so moved, seconded by Alderman Milton. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. No discussion. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0028 was duly enacted.

MAYOR/ALDERMEN/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

Alderman Castillon thanked Assistant City Administrator John Manning for following up with a project he gave him a couple of weeks ago pertaining to the Veterans Day Parade. He explained there was miscommunication between the Branson Landing, the City and the Veterans Day Parade folks which has pretty much been taken care of. He encouraged everyone to watch KY3 as he was interviewed on behalf of his business which was almost scammed into putting a brand new roof on a vacant house. He explained a contract was even signed, but what caught his attention was an email from the gentleman requesting to pay a little more and then be reimbursed back so he contacted the realtor and was informed it wasn't the homeowner. Alderman Castillon warned businesses to watch for this kind of scam and explained the scammers were trying to obtain access to his company's credit card system, freeze it up and make his company pay a ransom to unfreeze it.

Mayor Akers reported City Clerk Lisa Westfall has received the second portion of the Highway 76 CID names, so the process has begun. He said in the near future it should be able to be brought back to the Board for approval. He stated Communications Manager Melody Pettit has been working hard on the census and explained it's important for the City and County to count people since it makes a difference in how money is received and eligibility for grants. He announced April 1st is Census Day, but people will

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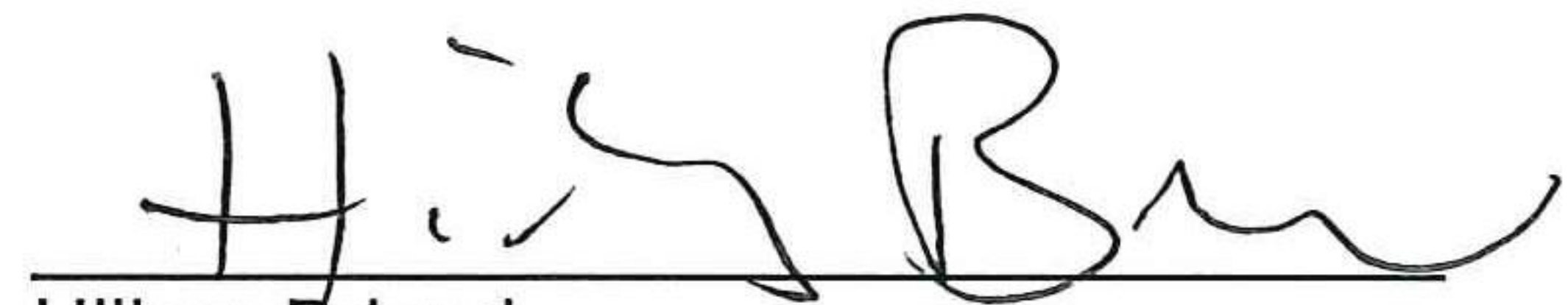
receive information via mail around March 15th through March 20th. Then if people don't respond, census workers will gather the reports. Mayor Akers feels the year end Fire Reports, Police Reports and annual budget are all very professionally done and he's proud of the annual budget which contains the information everyone wants to know. He encouraged the Aldermen to spend a lot of time looking at it.

ADJOURN

Mayor Akers asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Castillon moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Milton. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.



E. Edd Akers
Mayor



Hillary Briand
Deputy City Clerk